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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

The Honorable Harry D. Early  
Governor, Pueblo of Laguna  
P. O. Box 194  
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Dear Governor Early:

In the October 19, 1982, meeting of the Jackpile-Paguate Technical Committee, Anaconda expressed the need to be informed of the Pueblo's position on all of the issues concerning reclamation of the mine. Anaconda has emphatically reaffirmed this need to me several times since this meeting.

Anaconda is unwilling to make concessions on any substantive issues until they know the full range of additional reclamation measures that the Pueblo will insist on. Anaconda is willing to compromise on some issues, and is ready to do so, if they are presented with a full package of demands.

During the November 9th and 10th Technical Committee Meeting we will complete our discussions of Anaconda's proposal and the viable technical alternatives. Following the meeting, I do not believe Anaconda will have anything further to discuss. They simply will not make any concessions until they receive a full package from the Pueblo.

Your November 18, 1982, meeting with Anaconda's management would be an excellent opportunity to submit such a package. This package would not represent the Pueblo's final position, but it would force a response from Anaconda. I believe this is the only way to get Anaconda's management involved in these negotiations, and without their involvement, I believe the negotiations have reached a deadend.

I would be happy to assist the Pueblo in preparing a reclamation package, if you decide to pursue this route. Since we have had



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extensive discussions on the various reclamation issues, I believe we could prepare a full initial package in a short meeting.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Marc E. Nelson  
Task Force Leader